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One of the most important events of the year was the consideration of an invitation from the University of Pennsylvania to the Academy to remove to a plot of ground in West Philadelphia in immediate proximity to the University. After mature consideration by the Council, to which the subject was referred for consideration and report, a resolution respectfully declining the invitation was adopted by the Academy by a vote of sixty-eight in the affirmative to three in the negative.

A committee was appointed January 29th to consider the propriety of giving a series of social entertainments to serve as reunions of the members with a view to promoting the interest and efficiency of the meetings of the Academy. The committee having reported favorably they were authorized to receive subscriptions to the necessary fund, the understanding being that no expense should be incurred by the Academy. Sufficient encouragement has been received to provide for at least three of the contemplated reunions, arrangements for the first of which will be made when a favorable opportunity presents itself.

The Academy is to be congratulated on having received from the Legislature substantial recognition in an appropriation of \$50,000 towards the erection of the new building so pressingly needed for the arrangement and exhibition of the rapidly growing collections. A detailed statement of the steps taken to begin the work of erection at an early date will be found in the report of the Curators.

By resolution of the Academy the hall was placed at the service of Dr. J. T. Rothrock for the delivery of a course of seven Michaux Lectures to extend from Dec. 4, 1889, to Jan. 29, 1890.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. J. NOLAN,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The correspondence of the past year has been almost entirely in reference to the publications of the Academy and has consisted of acknowledgments from corresponding societies or letters of transmittal from them, usually accompanying their publications.

The plan adopted several years ago of sending our publications by mail to the more active societies at home and abroad seems to be working very satisfactorily and the prompt acknowledgment, usu-

ally by card, and the very small number of inquiries for missing parts show that there is practically no loss in the mail. A great advantage results in making known, at the earliest possible moment, the researches of those who make our pages valuable and the various zoological and other records are enabled to give an epitome of them within the year for which they are published.

Acknowledgment of the reception of our publications has been made, by sixty-three postal-cards and by seventy-three letters, the former all representing mail transmissions while a large number of the latter should be so counted. Letters of envoy number barely forty, being a decrease in number from past years due, doubtless, to the use of the mail in sending to us.

A pleasing indication is afforded by a portion of the correspondence from various parts of our country, desiring copies of our by-laws and asking for such information as will enable the formation of a society on the plan of our organization. These have been promptly answered and the future will doubtless show some results.

During the year three correspondents have been elected and notification has been promptly sent. Replies have been received from all where time has been sufficient to permit it.

The additions to the Museum have been numerous, and have been acknowledged by the Curator-in-Charge, as will be learned from his report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HORN, M. D.,

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The annual statistics of the Librarian's report indicate that the year ending November 30, 1889, has been an unusually prosperous one in the department of the Academy of which he has charge. The additions received number 4,446, an increase of 489 over the growth of 1888 and of 1,066 over that of the preceding year. Six hundred and eighty volumes, 3,786 pamphlets and parts of periodicals and continued works and 26 maps are recorded.